

WARRIORS

SUPER EDITION

TIGERHEART'S SHADOW



EXCLUSIVE
MAINTENANCE
ADVENTURE
INSIDE!

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I'M ALIVE.
I CAN'T BELIEVE IT...

STARCLAN BE PRAISED...
I'M ALIVE!



DARKTAIL TRIED HIS BEST TO DROWN ME.
THOUGHT HE'D SUCCEEDED, TOO.
FOR A MOMENT I WAS AFRAID HE HAD.

IF THEY ALL THINK I'M DEAD,
THAT MEANS I'M FREE! EXCEPT...
SPARROWTAIL'S STILL BACK THERE.



AND BEENOSE.

POOR BEENOSE IS
GONE. DARKTAIL DIDN'T
FAIL WITH HER.

WHAT IF DARKTAIL GOES AFTER
SPARROWTAIL OR NEEDLETAIL NOW?

WHAT IF HE HURTS THEM
BECAUSE OF ME? WHAT IF--

NO. THIS IS MY ONE CHANCE.
I'VE GOT TO TAKE IT. GET AWAY.

SURVIVE.

OH! SLATEFUR!

BERRYHEART?
WHERE HAVE YOU
BEEN?

LISTEN. THERE'S
NO TIME TO EXPLAIN, BUT I'M
GETTING AWAY FROM HERE.
AS FAR AWAY AS I CAN.

SLATEFUR,
YOU SHOULD COME
WITH ME!

I DON'T KNOW,
BERRYHEART...THIS IS
AWFULLY SUDDEN.

JUST ABANDON
EVERYTHING? ALL THE
OTHER CATS?

FINE. FINE, THEN JUST--
JUST PASS A MESSAGE ON FOR
ME, WILL YOU? TO SPARROWTAIL
AND NEEDLETAIL?

TELL THEM I'M ALL
RIGHT, AND I'LL BE HEADING
ALONG THE TWOLEG PATH
TOWARD THE GREENLEAF
TWOLEGPLACE.

SO IF THEY
DECIDE TO LEAVE, THAT'S
WHERE THEY SHOULD GO.
TELL NO CAT BUT THEM.
GOT IT?

TWOLEG PATH TOWARD
GREENLEAF TWOLEGPLACE.
I UNDERSTAND. BUT,
BERRYHEART...

I KNOW DARKTAIL'S
GONE...WELL, MAD.
BUT HE LIKES NEEDLETAIL,
DOESN'T HE?

MAYBE IT'D BE
SAFEST TO JUST STAY
PUT? NOT MAKE A
FUSS?

NEEDLETAIL FOUGHT SO
FIERCELY AGAINST RIVERCLAN
YESTERDAY.



WHAT IF SHE ACTUALLY IS
LOYAL TO DARKTAIL, AND HIS
KIN? LOYAL IN HER HEART?

IT'S TOO LATE FOR QUESTIONS NOW.



I'M ALIVE, AND I NEED
TO STAY THAT WAY.

JUST... DELIVER
MY MESSAGE? PLEASE? AND
THEN GET OUT.

IF YOU CAN.

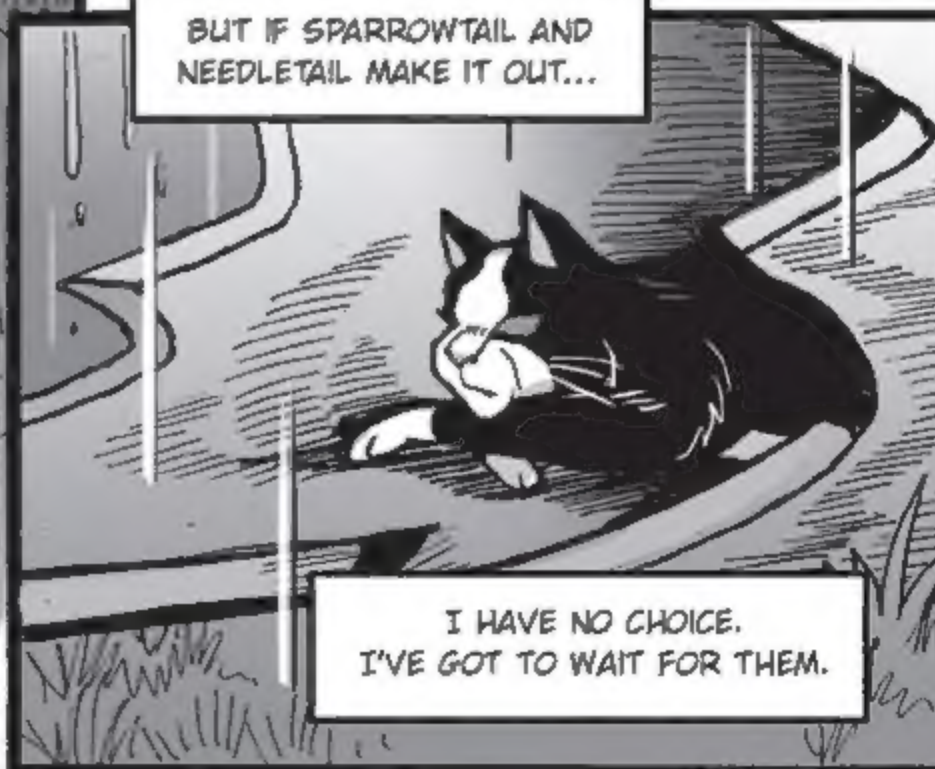
I'LL MAKE SURE TO
TELL THEM, BERRYHEART.
GOOD LUCK.



HOW MANY TIMES HAS THE SUN RISEN
AND SET SINCE I LEFT THE CAMP? SINCE
I LEFT MY MATE AND OUR DAUGHTER?

MOST OF A MOON. THE
GROWLING IN MY BELLY MAKES
IT FEEL LONGER THAN THAT.

BUT IF SPARROWTAIL AND
NEEDLETAIL MAKE IT OUT...




I HAVE NO CHOICE.
I'VE GOT TO WAIT FOR THEM.



WAIT--IS THAT...?

IS THAT PAWSTEPS?



CAN'T TAKE
ANY CHANCES--

CAN'T LET A ROGUE FIND
ME OUT HERE ALONE.

COULD BE ANY CAT,
COMING ALONG THE PATH.
COULD BE--

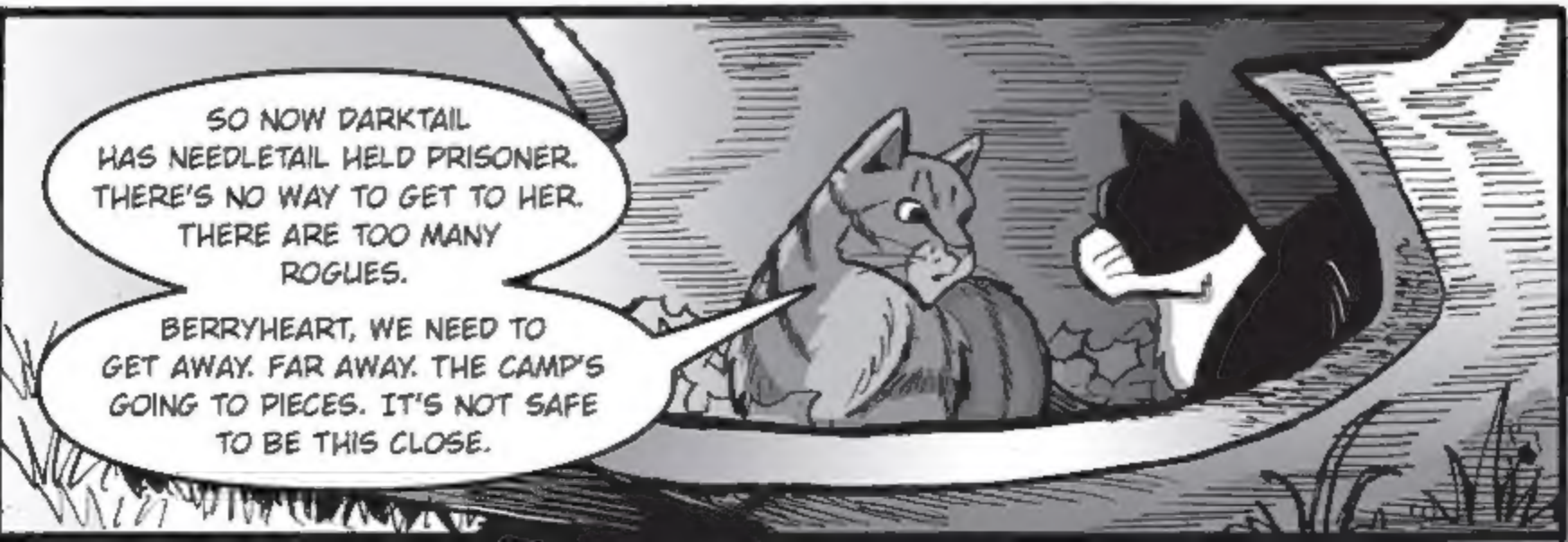


SPARROWTAIL!



BERRYHEART!
THANK STARCLAN
I FOUND YOU!

COME DOWN.
I, UH... A LOT HAS
HAPPENED SINCE YOU
LEFT.




SO NOW DARKTAIL
HAS NEEDLETAIL HELD PRISONER.
THERE'S NO WAY TO GET TO HER.
THERE ARE TOO MANY
ROGUES.

BERRYHEART, WE NEED TO
GET AWAY. FAR AWAY. THE CAMP'S
GOING TO PIECES. IT'S NOT SAFE
TO BE THIS CLOSE.




SHADOWCLAN IS...
IT'S GONE. GONE FOR
GOOD.

WE NEED TO FIND
SOMEPLACE NEW. NEW
TERRITORY. JUST YOU
AND ME.




SLEEP RUNS AWAY FROM ME.
TOO MANY THOUGHTS CHASE
EACH OTHER THROUGH MY MIND.
TOO MANY WORRIES.

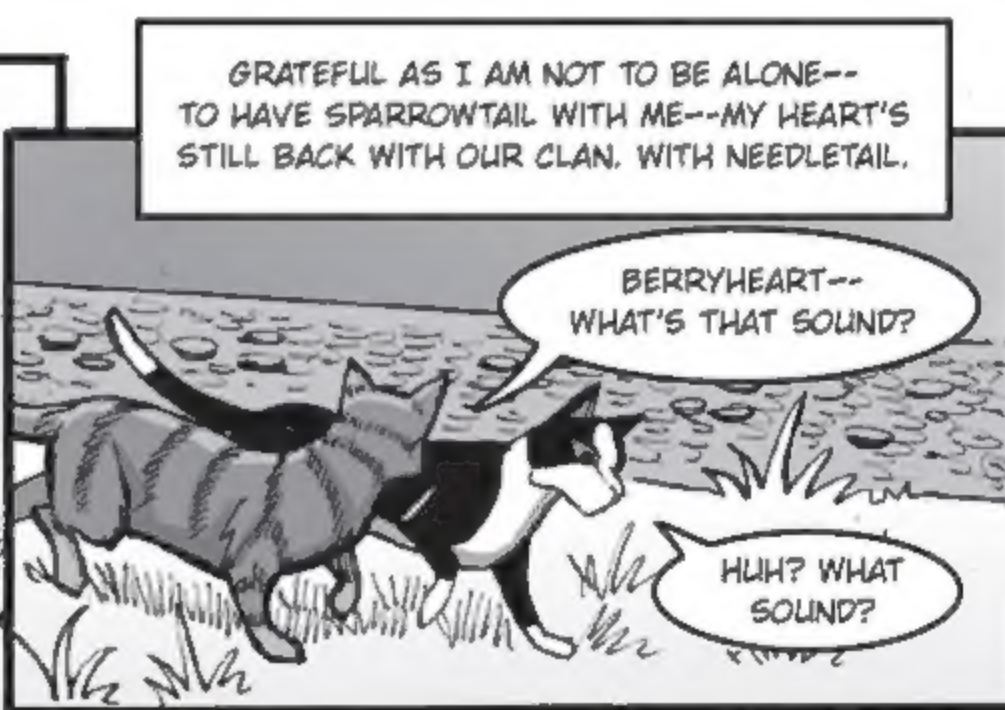


NEEDLETAIL IS ALIVE. BUT
IF I GO BACK THERE, DARKTAIL
WILL KILL ME AND SPARROWTAIL.

I HATE THE THOUGHT.
BUT...WE HAVE NO
CHOICE.




AS SOON AS DAWN BREAKS,
WE CONTINUE THE JOURNEY
I STARTED.



GRATEFUL AS I AM NOT TO BE ALONE--
TO HAVE SPARROWTAIL WITH ME--MY HEART'S
STILL BACK WITH OUR CLAN. WITH NEEDLETAIL.

BERRYHEART--
WHAT'S THAT SOUND?

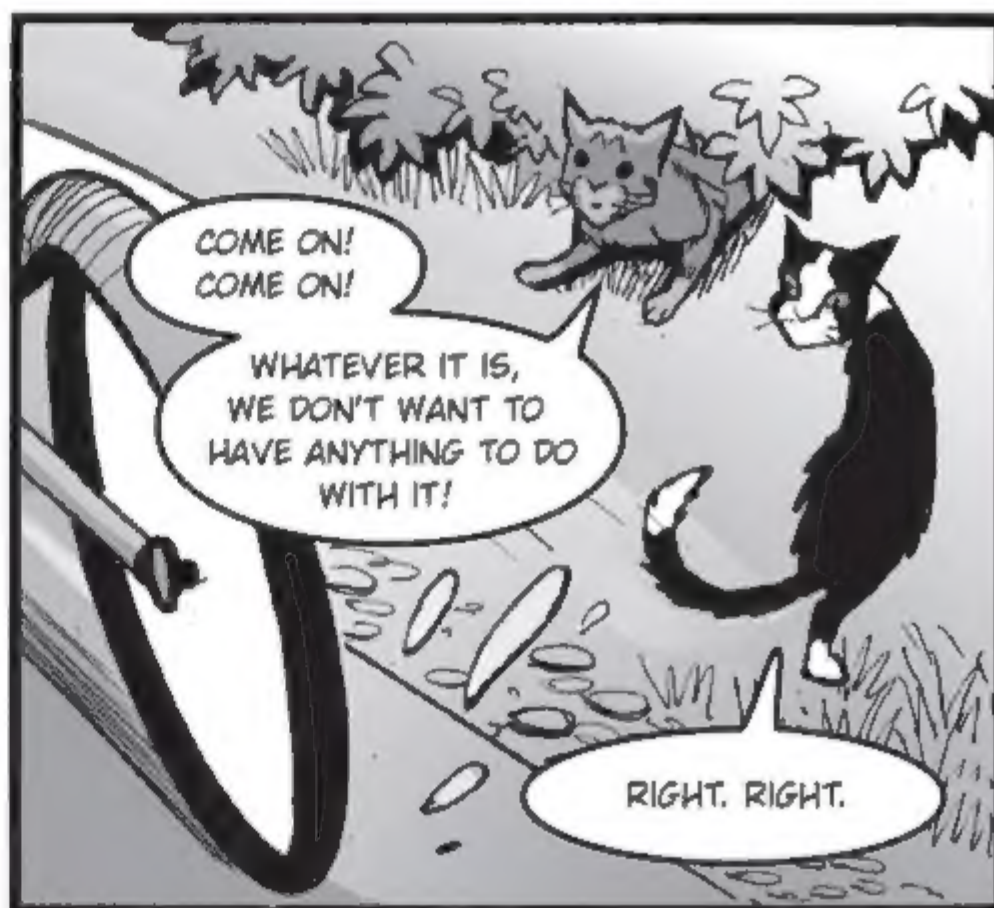
HUH? WHAT
SOUND?



OH--I HEAR IT
NOW!
WHAT IS THAT?

IT SOUNDS LIKE...
LIKE THE BIGGEST SWARM
OF RATS EVER, BUT IT CAN'T
BE, CAN IT?

IT'S ALMOST HERE!
IT'S--





BERRYHEART--LOOK!

THOSE ARE THE BIGGEST EGGS I'VE EVER SEEN. WHAT KIND OF BIRD LAID THEM?



DON'T KNOW--
I THINK WE SHOULD
JUST LEAVE THEM
ALONE.

REALLY? I'VE
HEARD YOUR STOMACH
GROWLING. YOU SURE
YOU DON'T WANT TO CRACK
ONE OPEN?

WELL...

BUT THE DECISION GETS
MADE FOR US.



SKREEEE!

LOOK OUT!



THE GIANT BIRD IS LIKE A
NIGHTMARE--A CLUSTER OF CLAWS
AND FEATHERS AND RAGE.



BUT EVEN AS MY MATE AND I
SCRAMBLE AND FIGHT AND TRY TO
KEEP IT FROM KILLING US...



...I CAN'T HELP BUT UNDERSTAND.

THIS IS A MOTHER, PROTECTING HER YOUNG.

OOF!



OH NO OH NO OH NO--

PROTECTING HER FAMILY.



RUN!

RUN!

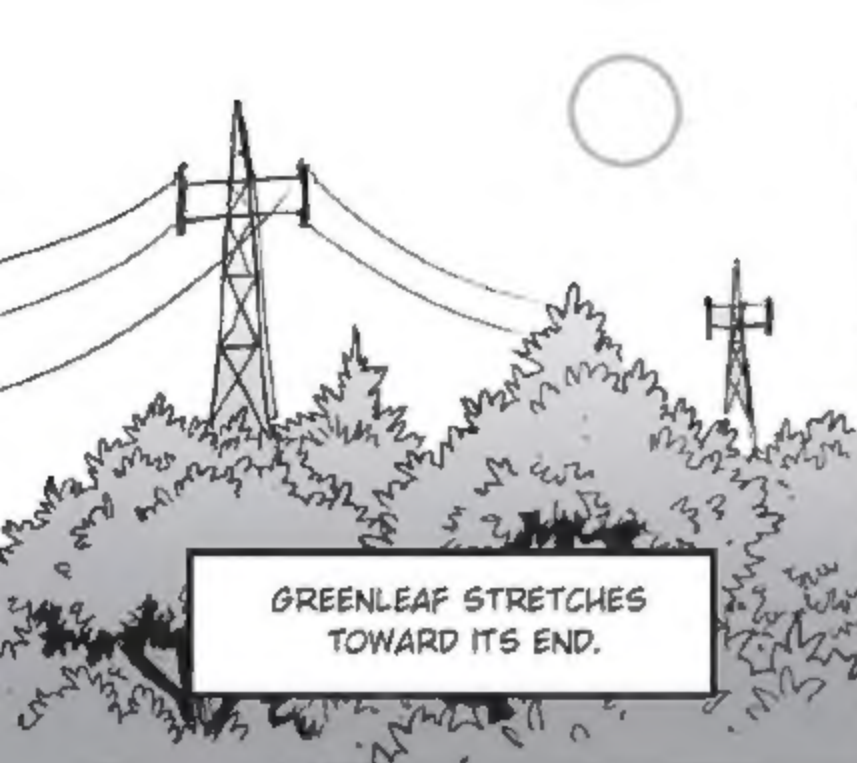
SOMETHING I WASN'T ABLE TO DO.



OUR CLAN, OUR DAUGHTER...
MAYBE OUR WHOLE FOREST...

DARKTAIL HAS TAKEN
EVERYTHING. AND WHAT CAN
WE DO TO STOP HIM?

NOTHING.

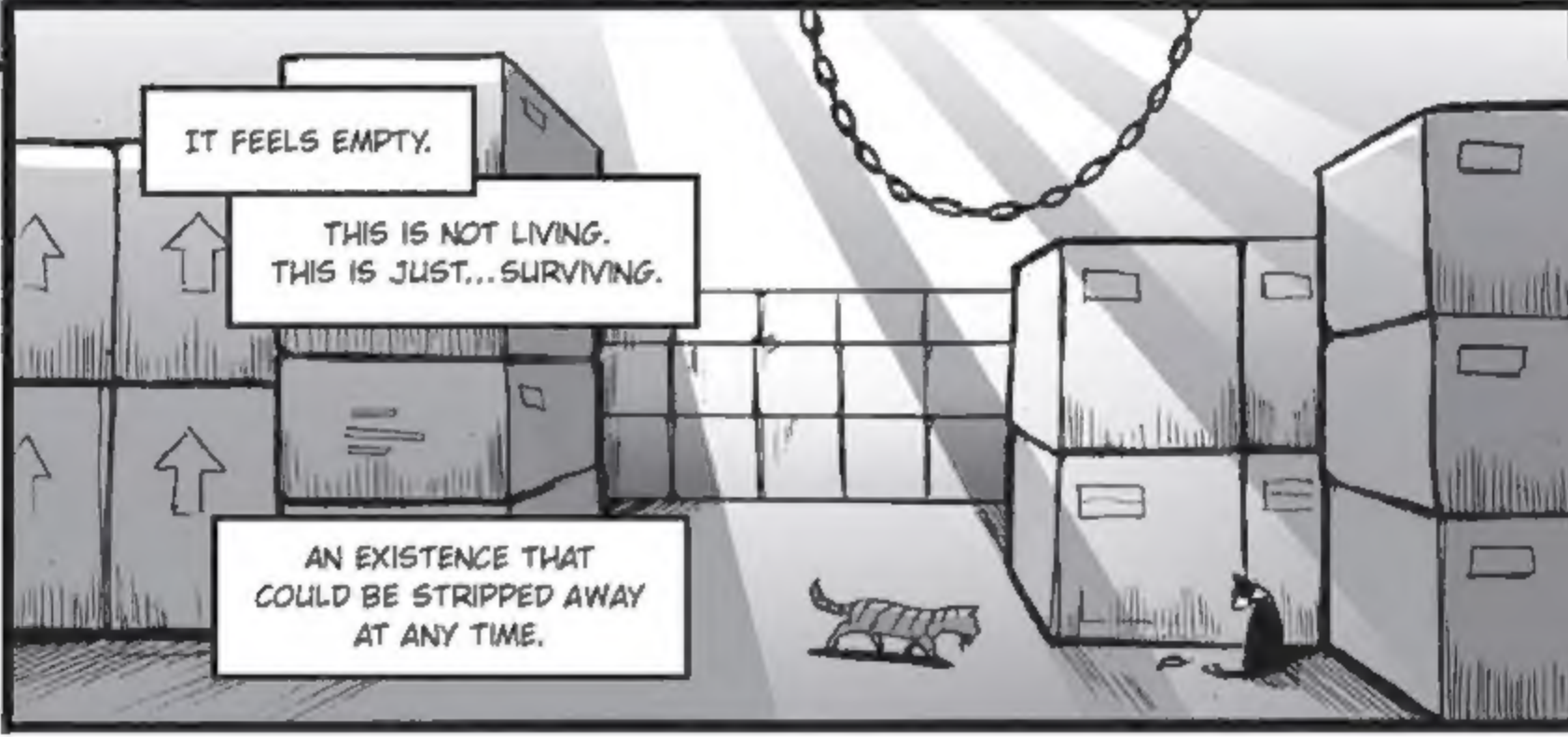


GREENLEAF STRETCHES
TOWARD ITS END.



AN EMPTY TWOLEG DEN GIVES
US SHELTER...MEAGER SCRAPS
OF PREY...

A BIT OF SAFETY.



IT FEELS EMPTY.

THIS IS NOT LIVING.
THIS IS JUST...SURVIVING.

AN EXISTENCE THAT
COULD BE STRIPPED AWAY
AT ANY TIME.



BERRYHEART!
SOMETHING'S COMING!

IS IT ROGUES?

I DON'T KNOW!
I DIDN'T SEE ANY CAT
WHEN I WAS HUNTING!

THE SOFT SCUFF OF
PAWSTEPS DRAWS CLOSER...

CLOSER...
UNTIL--



A WAVE OF RELIEF ALMOST KNOCKS
ME DOWN. THESE ARE NO ROGUES.

THESE ARE MY
LITTERMATES! CLOVERFOOT
AND RIPPLETAIL!

UH...HELLO?
BERRYHEART? ARE
YOU HERE?

BROTHER! SISTER!

STARCLAN BE
PRAISED, YOU FOUND
ME!

EVEN AFTER ALL OF THIS...
AFTER OUR CLAN HAS GONE TO PIECES...
STARCLAN STILL WATCHES OVER US!

IT DOESN'T TAKE
LONG FOR REALITY TO SET
BACK IN, THOUGH.

WHAT WERE WE THINKING?
HOW COULD WE HAVE LET THIS
HAPPEN? SUPPORTED A CAT
LIKE DARKTAIL?

WE BELIEVED HIM.
THAT'S ALL. HE SAID HE WAS
THE STRONGEST, AND WE
WENT ALONG.

AND NOW SHADOWCLAN
IS GONE BECAUSE OF IT. BECAUSE
OF HIM... BECAUSE OF US.

WELL. STUPID
MISTAKES OR NOT...

BERRYHEART,
I THOUGHT WE'D NEVER
SEE YOU AGAIN.

I'M SO GLAD
YOU'RE ALL RIGHT!

THAT'S THE TROUBLE,
RIPPLETAIL. I'M NOT ALL
RIGHT.

NONE OF US ARE.

BUT WE CAN BE.

STARCLAN
WILL GUIDE US.
WE JUST...

WE CAN'T GIVE
UP. AS LONG AS WE
DON'T GIVE UP...

SOONER OR LATER...

STARCLAN WILL GUIDE
US ALL HOME.